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Snow wreaks havoc in Didsbury area

*Didsburians rise
to the challenge*

by Richard Westlund

It seems every year Didsburians are forced to put up with a spring snow storm. But this will be remembered more clearly.

Local residents talked about the large snowstorms they had to endure during their lifetimes. The May snow storm of 1986 was a popular topic on Didsbury streets and coffee houses Monday morning.

Didsburians were without power as heavy wet snow brought power lines down and Highway #2 was closed as the snow accumulated faster than what road crews could keep up with. On Sunday afternoon there were over 80 vehicles still in the ditch between

Calgary and Didsbury.

Local RCMP detachments were busy exploring alternate routes for those who hit the ditch and were brought back to Didsbury where they tried to rent rooms for the night. Soon hotels were filled and Didsburians and at least one local church opened their doors for weary travellers. Some of those were stranded in the vehicles for hours at a time.

Snow shovellers were out in full force dealing with the April dump on Sunday and road crews continued to push away the snow.

Some basements were flooded as the snow melted away.

But as Didsburians cleaned up the mess left by Mother Nature, they did so in good spirits for the most part - realizing a storm of this magnitude occurs only so often.



photo by Richard Westlund

On top of a task

Chris Latimer, 14, clears snow from the roof of the house he lives in on Sunday. Snow was so wet and heavy in the region that a Co-op store in Calgary had its roof collapse under the extra weight.

WESTWARD HO

Restrictions imposed for long weekend campers

by Richard Westlund

Reservations will be required to camp at Westward Ho during the May long weekend to alleviate safety concerns, say County Councillors.

The decision, which was made by the County's Park Committee, is to alleviate dangerous incidents like a stabbing that occurred last year.

The committee, and some Councillors, felt that part of the problem stemmed from the fact that too many youth and alcohol contributed to some of the problems. Therefore an area that has been used for tenting in the past will be shut down for the May Long Weekend.

Councillor Ben Penner said something had to be done because of violent situations and alcohol consumption by youth as young as 14-years-old.

Asbestos testing will be done on County building

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County Council will investigate whether the current administration building is contaminated with asbestos to help them in their decision on whether they should build new or renovate their current home.

Councillors felt in order to have all of the information they needed to make a decision, the outside walls of the County building should be tested for asbestos.

"This is information we re-

quire to make a decision," said Councillor Charlie Van Arnam. Council unanimously agreed to test the existing building.

Also discussed at last week's regular Council meeting was a timeline as to when a decision on the administration building will be made. A motion was also passed to identify then initiate a formal decision making process for the final decision.

According to Reeve Ian Harvie, Councillors will discuss the merits of renovating and building new behind closed doors into the summer months. Councillors will make the final

decision at a regular Council meeting. That decision is expected to be made in the late summer of this year.

"Now we begin the decision making process," said Harvie in a press release passed out at the April 23 meeting. "It's important that we allow ample time for thorough discussion and debate. At the end of the day we want ratepayers to be confident we've considered everyone's input and made the best decision."

Dave Derksen, councillor and chair of the building review committee, thanked the rate

payers that helped narrow the options down for Council to set up the upcoming decision making process.

"Today we have a factual and objective base from which to make an informed decision. And that's critical because this is a long term investment that needs to return real value to ratepayers for the next 40 years."

The building issue extends back to before the last municipal election. County Council passed a motion to proceed with plans of a new administration building but withdrew that motion after ratepayers voted

against building new by a 75 per cent margin.

Mountain View County then established a building review committee to look at the costs of repairing and renovating the current building and public meetings were held. Some members of the public requested that new building costs should be looked at to put estimated renovation costs into perspective.

County Council has heard the costs of building new and renovating and have been provided a recommendation from the building review committee on both.

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Mike Barr, Syna Klinck, Kim Pross, MLA Richard Marz, Didsbury Mayor Dorothy Moore, Connie Conley and Kevin Krebs attended a special announcement of the Centennial grant to the Didsbury Ag. Society last Friday.

Didsbury Ag. Society receives \$150,000 Centennial grant

by Richard Westlund

The Didsbury Ag. Society received a big boost Friday last week when MLA Richard Marz made a presentation of \$150,000 as part of a Centennial Legacy Grant.

The presentation was made to Ag. Society Treasurer Kim Pross at the new site which was purchased last year.

"I am really happy to be here - to be part of this project through this presentation," said Marz.

"The Ag. Society has been trying to find a larger area for their facilities for some time now and this is going to be a real asset to the community. It will allow them to hold larger events and gives them room to expand in the future.

"I think the Ag. Society has shown vision."

Marz said the \$150,000 grant along with two other \$75,000 grants received by the organization will help "kick-start" the project.

The Ag. Society was the recipient of a \$75,000 Community Facility Enhancement Program grant which will be used to help build a multi-use indoor arena and a Community Incentives Program grant, for a similar amount, for ground development of their facility.

"We are really happy," said Pross. "The Didsbury Ag. Society is extremely pleased to receive these three grants. It has been a dream of the Ag. Soci-

ety, for a long time now, to own its own land. This will definitely take us to the next level and will be an opportunity to build something that future generations will be able to enjoy for years to come."

Pross added the members involved in bringing the dream of a new Ag. Society grounds to life worked extremely hard to bring that dream to fruition.

But still these funds were necessary in getting the project going.

"They were imperative and

absolute," said Pross, adding the Ag. Society has a responsibility to match those funds.

The Ag. Society will open its grounds this summer with its annual rodeo and an opening ceremonies program is in the works. The entire grounds will be set up over the next two years.

"If we build it they will come," said Pross.

Added Ag. Society member Kevin Krebs, "It's something we can really be excited about as a community."

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County revises Parks bylaw in time for May long weekend

by Carla Victor

Because of out-of-control parties at some of Mountain View County's campgrounds, last May long weekend, County Council revised their Parks/Municipal Reserve bylaw to discourage more trouble this year.

Assistant Commissioner Tony Martens said the changes made to this bylaw will "give it teeth where there needs to be teeth."

Most important changes to note are the facts that reservations are needed to use Westward Ho campground (just for the May long weekend) and fines for infractions to the bylaw are much higher this year.

Will this discourage parties from coming to Mountain View County for the weekend?

"Probably not," said Martens, "but at least it will give us the opportunity to do something if there is a problem."

He said most often conflict arises because it is not possible to kick someone out of their campground in troubled, alcohol-induced situations.

"Right now you can try to kick them (troublemakers) out, but you can't just kick out people who have been drinking because if they have been drinking and you put them out on the road you are just as liable as they are if something happens."

Martens told council many of the restrictions are common sense, for most people.

"The bylaw stating no firearms mostly refers to air rifles and had to be included because last year we had people shooting (paint guns) at cars on Highway 27."

When council members chuckled at the stupidity, Martens answered, "it's funny but it isn't."

A bylaw restricting people from removing free firewood

from the campground answers to people who load up on it to take home.

"The problems have doubled year after year," said Martens.

Reeve Ian Harvie commented that it would have been easier to state what was allowed rather than what wasn't, after he read the 12 page bylaw.

Councillor Pat James approved bylaw revisions, stating: "99 per cent of the people who use the parks will not have a problem with this bylaw, it will be business as usual. These are rules we have, pretty much, always had in place, all we are saying now is if you don't want to obey them now, you will be fined."

The revision of this bylaw stemmed from a meeting between Martens and Sundre RCMP.

The RCMP asked MVC to do something to prevent what happened last year from happening this year.

Fines for failing to comply with lawful demand of a park officer carries a penalty of \$250, so does trying to re-enter the park following dismissal or prohibition; or possessing liquor in a prohibited area. Interference with rights of others to peace and quiet carries a \$150 penalty; leaving a fire unattended - \$50; removing firewood from park - \$50; failing to restore land to clean and tidy condition will cost you \$50, and the list goes on.

The bylaw also addresses abandoned vehicles and the process to remove them, which has been a problem in the past, said Martens.

Mountain View County is responsible for five campgrounds, two in Water Valley, one in Westward Ho and two day camp areas, one at Bergen, the other at Hiller's Dam.



A man directs traffic in the storm.

photo by Carla Victor

Heavy snow impedes motorists

by Christy Dunning

West central Alberta was in chaos Saturday as a near-record dump of sloppy, wet snow left thousands of home owners without power, stranded hundreds of motorists and brought life in the region to a stand-still.

More than 60 centimetres of snow fell; in one of the worst spring-time storms seen in the area in recent memory.

After snowing all morning on Saturday, many people woke up to see their vehicles nearly buried, stranding many folks indoors. However, there were still many cars on the roads, many eventually ending up in the ditches.

"There were a lot of abandoned vehicles," said Olds RCMP officer Stan Andrónyk, "lots of people in the ditches."

Traffic advisories were issued starting early in the day. Traffic along the highway 2 corridor between Red Deer and Calgary was at a complete standstill, no traffic was getting through.

By 11:40 a.m. the Airdrie RCMP issued an advisory stating, "we are strongly recommending to the public not to travel on highway 2. The police and emergency personnel are not being able to respond to accident scenes due to traffic backlog."

"I responded to one or two minor collisions," said Andrónyk. "On the whole people seemed to be driving responsibly." He continued to say that there were no major accidents during the storm and he does not believe that there were

any injuries.

A tow ban was also in effect for highway 2 north and south, therefore tow trucks were not towing anyone out of the ditches. By noon the Southern Alberta Traffic Services advised that highway 2 north and south bound was closed to all traffic between Red Deer and Calgary.

At 4:30 p.m. a portion of the highway from Airdrie to Calgary was opened to traffic for stranded motorists. This portion of the road was only open for those travellers who were stranded and needed overnight accommodations.

These motorists were sent into the city as hotels in Airdrie were full and could not accommodate any more people.

Olds hotels were also filled with stranded travellers. Olds College even opened its doors to some of the overflow, offering beds and food to the stuck motorists. On Saturday the college opened its doors and beds to more than 400 people for overnight stays. By Sunday night that number had dropped to approximately 175 people.

Due to the heavy snow fall, bus drivers and many Chinook's Edge school buses were unable to make their routes.

"We have in the area of 79 routes not going today," said Chinook's Edge transportation officer Gil Gravelle. As of Monday morning all routes south from Innisfail were cancelled, keeping a large number of students out of classes.

COUNTY

Third party created for Council remuneration issue

by Richard Westlund

A committee consisting of three ratepayers and one member of Mountain View County's administration will be responsible for coming up with recommendations on what Councillors should receive in exchange for their time.

Councillors decided that a third party review of Councillor remuneration should be considered and officially formed the committee April 23.

It was recommended to County Council that a third party be established as well as changes in how County Councillors are paid and recommended significant increases.

According to the meeting's agenda, other rural municipalities have been revising their method and amounts for remunerating Councillors which are similar to the County's personal consultant's (Ron Cappell and Associates) recommendation.

Councillors were asked to bring names forward for the committee.

Some had trouble finding ratepayers that were interested in the process. Councillor Dave Derksen said all of the people he talked to about the job said, "No way, Jose".

Derksen said the response he received was that Councillors get paid too much already

and that the decision shouldn't be made by members at large.

Councillor Charlie Van Arnam said those he approached didn't want to be involved in an unpopular item.

This will be the first time that a third party has been used to recommendation to Council about remuneration.

Councillor Pat James said the method being used is similar to what other municipalities use for such a decision.

At the March workshop Council was hoping that five members of the public would be on the committee.

Councillors could only come up with three names to sit on the committee.

County Council approves 2003 budget

by Carla Victor

Mountain View County unanimously approved the 2003 budget and set tax rates at their regular meeting, April 23.

The \$28.2 million dollar revised budget will carry zero surplus dollars.

Residential tax rates are 1.9 per cent higher than 2002, farmland remains the same, commercial/industrial, machinery and equipment and linear all increased by 7 per cent.

Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) rose by 3.8 per cent for residential, and 5.3 per cent for both commercial/industrial and linear.

Payments to fire districts total \$1.4 million; six recreation board grants - \$364,626 and Public Works - \$10.3 million.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Snowed In



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

I was just nine-years old when the 1986 May snow storm hit the area but I remember it vividly.

My parents and three siblings at the time were stranded at the farm for days without electricity. The four days without power and being stuck at the farm were an inconvenience - mostly to my parents, but being young and unable to get to school I still remember it as being an adventure.

It was my job to pull a toboggan over to the next yard and bring firewood back home for the fireplace.

The drifts were as big as I ever remember them and I had to pull the wood over mounds of snow many times taller than I was. For that week there was a real sense of family among us - more than usual. It seemed that no matter what was thrown at us, we could handle it and handle it well.

There are a lot of similarities between what happened this weekend and the feeling I had back in '86. The snow stopped our vehicles in their tracks, but all who were stuck were offered refuge.

Snow prevented us from getting around too fast but neighbours were there to help shovel walks, or push out a car that was stuck.

Small town populations are always quick to help out and that always becomes clear when we are faced with adversity. When the twin towers fell in New York, we were there to do what we could for people we didn't know. The sense of community always grows when we have to deal with a situation together.

And that's what my parents and siblings were doing in May '86. Even when we were sitting around that week, there was a sense of purpose in sitting around together. I don't remember much about being nine, but I don't think I will ever forget that week.

And there will be many who will have trouble forgetting about what happened this weekend.



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Money's worth from the NRCB

The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) is a provincial regulatory agency for Alberta's natural resources and confined operations (CFO). They are part of the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development and their mandate is to ensure that the development of Alberta's natural resources and CFOs occur in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Decisions by the Board must be made in the public interest meaning giving consideration to the economic, social and environmental (I wonder why environment is mentioned last?) impacts of proposed projects, ensuring that impacts are mitigated to the greatest possible degree.

The paragraph above is paraphrased directly from a March 29, 2003 publication of the NRCB.

During 2002 the NRCB received 981 complaints relation to 431 separate operations, 89% of which were originated by the public. Odour complaints accounted for the majority (42%) with water impacts (31%), the second largest. One operation alone accounted for 249 complaints! The Board issued 36 enforcement orders



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and 122 written or verbal notices of non-compliance.

In theory there are "teeth" in the enforcement legislation but, according to the NRCB chief enforcement officer, the practice is to "reason" and "persuade" rather than take forceful action. After all, they wouldn't want to put anyone out of business, even the operator with 249 complaints.

So lets give the NRCB something to work on. They have a toll-free complaint line at 1-866-383-6722. The Red Deer office phone is 403-340-5241 and that of Calgary 403-662-3990. I would suggest asking for a written acknowledgement of

any complaint made and a request for notification of the action taken.

This is an ideal time of the year to observe surface run-off into watercourses from not only CFO's but also heavily used winter pasturing from smaller livestock operations. If rain or snow-melt can wash manure into water that leaves the operator's land, it is illegal. Another bad practice is allowing animals to break down stream banks thus eroding the soil into the streambed. Silt build-up slows the stream, covers fish spawning areas, and leads to higher water temperatures. Concentrated doses of "manure extract" kills all stream life. Odour nuisance needs no explanation and should be reported even if you don't expect results. If an individual doesn't get action, then form a community group and lobby your MLA and your Public Health Officer. Be determined!

I would like to share your experiences. My phone number is 403-335-8348.

Remember the NRCB does not go out looking for business but is completely complaint driven. It needs our help! Badly!

Wonderings of the heart

"Who are 'They'?"

by Margaret Fradley

I need some help in coming to an understanding of something that has been on my mind for a long time, and I have not been able to come up with an answer. Perhaps one of you out there can help me out!! For some time now I have wondered who "They" are. "They" say it will be a warm winter - They say we are to be on the alert for the 'flu bug' - They say that over the long weekends there will be many more accidents. "They Say"!!

You see, this causes me to be in a real dilemma, for when I listen to what they say about a warmer winter, I am tempted to go back into storage and retrieve my summer apparel and store more of my winter things; when I hear there is bound to be a flu threat, I feel it necessary not only to get a 'shot' but to pop more vitamin pills; then when I hear about more accidents on long weekends, I tend to think perhaps I should stay home and avoid being another statistic; but as I ponder all these areas, I realize that I need much more authenticity than just "They say" - I need more conformation before I begin to change my lifestyle.

Are there any takers? Can anyone out there really share with me who "They" are? I don't just want to aimlessly do and follow just what anyone says. We need wisdom.



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Difficult county budget and unexpected spring storms?

Dear Editor,

During the latest spring storm the Rural Electrification switch board stated that the problem they were having getting to the fallen lines was because the County roads were not passable. Now we find out that the plows were being removed from the graders and trucks. Two new management positions within the Public Works Department only to have a serious emergency problem and no plows to deal with it and apparently no one to make a logical decision. Yes, Councilor Derksen, there is a problem with accountability within the Public Works Dept.

When will modern day service providers realize roads are our most important asset and

must be maintained on a 24 hour basis. Commerce, education and emergency services start with reliable road maintenance. Plows on our ambulances next, Councilors?

What was so difficult about raising your right hand in support of an increase in property taxes to pay for careless spending?

The T14 Terex motor scrapers used for six hours a day for two construction seasons have apparently been or will be auctioned and replaced by two belly dumps. Will they be towed or pushed by the two snow plow units that were also purchased two seasons ago and supposedly leased to Ledcor? Where are they during this latest storm? The salary increases

totaling \$360,000.00 is hopefully a miss print. If not fifty employees will share this windfall. Over seven thousand dollars annual pay increases is better than most lottery winnings.

Fortunately the Province has taken responsibility for the secondary roads. It is definitely time taxpayers demanded a complete review of the Public Works Department. When that is done and Council can prove that privatization will offer a better control of road costs we may believe that you have earned the right to suggest you have made a difficult and justifiable decision regarding tax dollar spending.

Arnie Shea,
MVCTPA

Reader wondering if Didsbury is a good place for seniors to live

Dear Editor,

We moved to Didsbury for our retirement 14 years ago, a friendly small community close to Calgary, Red Deer and other small towns. After my husband passed away just a few months ago, I see why some seniors who came here and lost a

spouse, moved out of town again. People who live here all their lives know each other, but not for new seniors. As a member with 50+ fun at the swimming pool and Fitness F/X, there are my friends that keep me going and my wonderful neighbors Jean & John Bates

when I need help. It's a great place for young families getting out from the city.

But as a senior with low income wondering if it is worth to live in this small community?

Sincerely
Erika Casebeer

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- MPC: May 14, 2003

- Corporate Services: May 8, 2003
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Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

Rural/urban cost sharing will be discussed by associations

by Carla Victor

A major province-wide topic of discussion about sharing practices between urban and rural communities, has prompted Mountain View County (MVC) to release information concerning the amount of money spent on sharing agreements with their urban municipalities.

Right now, examples of cost sharing methods are being discussed between Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Alberta Associations of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C).

Mountain View County Councillor and AAMD&C board member, Pat James, explained that AAMD&C invited AUMA to participate in a task force, examining cost sharing agreements between urban and rural municipalities throughout the province.

"These issues are ongoing," said James. "We realise the need for agreements and that everyone has their own opinion. It's why the task force was created."

Rural municipalities want to provide their fair share, but how much is enough?

Urban municipalities have challenges in provid-

ing for recreational and emergency services for their citizens and surrounding rural citizens.

Cost sharing can take many different avenues, depending on the municipalities involved.

In MVC recreation funding is determined on a per capita basis. They fund \$30 per rural resident with funds going to the resident's specific user area surrounding each of MVC's five municipalities. Emergency services are also funded by per capita basis. Every citizen within MVC pays the same per capita whether they are urban or rural.

Olds Town Councillor Warren Smith said some urban centres would prefer revenue sharing between municipalities - to share county tax revenue from industrial/commercial developments with urban municipalities.

James said AAMD&C asked the topic of revenue sharing not be involved in this task force and AUMA agreed.

"Revenue sharing is a whole different ball of wax, although there are revenue sharing models in the province, they are complex and it was determined this task force would not be looking at that," said James.

Revenue sharing is commonly used in inter-municipal agreements, like the one between Red Deer County and the City of Red Deer, said James.

Warren Smith explained the basis for his opinion.

He said where AAMD&C members often prefer cost sharing methods, some AUMA members believe revenue sharing would be most beneficial for urban centres; because urban municipalities are in direct competition with rural neighbours to attract industrial/commercial development.

"When potential businesses look at an area and determine taxes would be cheaper in the rural counties compared to urban municipalities, often they choose to develop in the county near a town. Most of their employees will choose to live in the towns," said Smith. "Residential properties don't pay their way in taxes collected. A healthy town will have 75 per cent residential and 25 per cent industrial/commercial."

He said the higher tax base collected from industrial/commercial developments help to provide a larger percentage for the cost of needed services and recreation used by every-

one in the area.

"The higher the 75/25 per cent ratio goes to commercial/industrial the better it is for a town. When you are in direct competition to attract business with a county that can offer lower taxes, it makes it difficult for a town to attract new business, even though we have a lot of offer," said Smith.

James said the cost sharing discussion should not become an economic development issue. To discuss revenue sharing would confuse the two topics.

"This task force is about sharing of services and cost sharing. It's just that."

"Recreation, fire and ambulance are people services, that is what this task force is about," he said.

"The cost sharing task force is looking at ways of coming up with sharing the cost of people services."

"Economic development is a completely different issue. That is the reason we (AAMD&C and AUMA) agreed revenue

sharing would not be involved in discussions."

James said models for cost sharing and economic development vary throughout the province.

MVC agreements can be different than Kneehill County, the MD of Big Horn or anywhere.

"There are no standard agreements. Different areas, different counties bring different agreements," said James.

This task force is made up of a mix of elected officials and administration from urban and rural communities throughout Alberta.

Harold Johnsrude, Mountain View County commissioner, said it is this discussion that caused the county to look at their sharing methods.

Johnsrude presented the dollars spent on cost sharing to council at the regular county meeting, April 23.

His presentation compared the money spent in 1997 to 2002.

Annual county costs for fire (operating and capital)

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By-law would put bite on vicious dog owners

by Richard Westlund

A Mountain View County dog control by-law has been put off until next month's meeting after Councillors questioned jurisdiction and application of such a bylaw.

After receiving first reading at the March 26 regular Council meeting, Councillors will wait until at least May before making a final decision on the proposed rules.

County Constable Jayson Nelson gave Council an overview of the new bylaw and how it compared to what was in place before. He said the old by-law did not adequately address the issue and left many incidents unenforced.

"The current by-law has not allowed us to deal with (situations) in an appropriate manner," said Nelson, adding that passing the new bylaw would allow for increased service in this area to ratepayers.

"The goal is to put responsibility on the owner of the dog," he added.

The new bylaw lists fines ranging from \$75 for having a dog running at large to \$1,000 if a vicious or restricted dog bites a person. The bylaw would be enforced as complaints are made.

"We are not out there looking for incidents. Generally we are dealing with this on a complaint basis," said Nelson.

Councillors supported the policy in general but wondered if the County was wading into RCMP jurisdiction.

Reeve Ian Harvie said that if the RCMP deal with dog bites on people, then perhaps the County didn't need to go that far.

Some thought if two entities were dealing with

the issue then owner would face two fines for one incident. Nelson said that wouldn't be the case. He added that the dog bites on people was added to the County by-law because the RCMP doesn't usually make charges in that case unless the incident is very serious - like a bite to the face.

County Commissioner said the by-law could state that local charges could be withdrawn if a charge came down from the RCMP.

Harvie said the issue of jurisdiction was an important one to sort out.

"There are some things in this bylaw that I won't support. If a dog bites a person then the RCMP are suppose to be notified," said Harvie.

Councillor Linda Burrell said she understood the need and justification of the by-law but said she was concerned with its application. She told the story about a dog she used to own being in the back of a pick-up truck.

A young girl went to the dog wrapped her arms around it and was given a nip by the dog. Burrell said she was faced with the option of either putting the dog down or face charges.

"It (wasn't) the dog's fault. It wasn't a serious

incident.

"Where are the owners of the dogs (represented in the policy). Where are their rights."

Under the new dog by-law an owner could face a fine for an incident that occurs on an owner's property unless the person bitten is a trespasser.

Nelson said in such a case an investigation is done and if there is a charge the owner of the dog would have his/her day in court.

"Why should I have to hire a lawyer when there shouldn't have been a charge in the first place?" asked Burrell.

CRIME

RCMP re-arrest escaped youth

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury RCMP have re-arrested a youth that had escaped from the custody of the Airdrie RCMP while making a court appearance.

The youth, arrested approximately four weeks ago in connection with a series of vehicle thefts and residence break-ins in Water Valley, escaped while wearing hand-cuffs while in police custody for his court appearance.

A warrant for his arrest was reissued.

Local RCMP received a tip the youth was back in Water Valley and that he was spotted talking to a nine-year-old girl.

A helicopter was dispatched from Edmonton to help search the area as well a police dog. The helicopter was forced to fly to Calgary to refuel and the dog had to be given a break from the wet and cold.

Didsbury RCMP found the youth Tuesday morning at 4:15 a.m. and took him back into custody without incident.

The youth now faces further charges of escaping lawful custody.



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When it comes to landscaping your backyard, there are always a few guiding principles to observe.

For instance, you should group colours together for harmony and contrast, and place taller plants behind shorter ones. Current trends can also dictate a few ground rules. For example, there's a tendency these days toward greater artistic expression in landscaping. There's also a movement toward integrating natural

colours into the palette, and making better use of outdoor spaces.

Colours that blend nicely with the green of a backyard lawn are always appropriate. What's more, the warm shades provided by wood structures can be used to highlight many other colours. Likewise, subtle tones found in stone and concrete complement the more vivid shades of

flower petals. Today's landscape designers are seeking out even more harmonious colour

combinations in flowerbeds, and water features are being used for extra texture.

Artistic expression is also influencing form and shape. For instance, we're seeing efforts to move away from horizontal lines by adding more depth and verticality to designs. Trees are a great way of emphasizing that third dimension, as are pergolas, trellises, gazebos and other structures.

All these rules-of-thumb aside, the best way to personalize your landscape is to break away from tried-and-true designs. Instead, strive to express your personal tastes, whether that means an eccentric colour scheme, unusual forms, or original plant pairings. Homeowners can design their landscapes as freely as an artist paints on a canvas. That way, your backyard will be a work of art that reflects your individual personality.



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1. When choosing annual or perennial flowers, read the labels carefully. A sun symbol means they are heat-resistant.

2. It may not seem as attractive, but taller grass will better tolerate the scorching sun, since the roots are better protected.

3. Just because a plant looks good, it doesn't mean it has enough fertilizer. A lack of nutrients may prevent healthy growth or weaken its resistance to pests.

4. Cedar will never fully recover from a too-vigorous pruning. Avoid trimming off more than a third of each branch.

5. When starting seeds indoors, use light potting

soil. Heavier soil will smother the seedlings' fragile, tiny roots.

6. New transplants need close observation. A transplant that seems healthy at first may go belly-up without the right amount of water, food and tender loving care.

7. Too much water, and roots will rot. Too little, and roots will dry out. Either way, the plant will die.

8. Some plants, such

as roses, may break if not securely tied to their stakes.

9. Set a budget before you undertake any new garden project. It's easy to get carried away when faced with all the choices at the garden centre.

10. Consult a landscape designer, particularly if it's your first landscaping project. They have the skills to guide you toward the perfect choices for creating your unique style.



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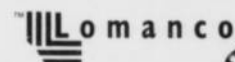
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any purchases. First, look at your existing furniture and decorative items. Are you planning to make major changes? If yes, decide on the wall colours now, and use them to guide your

furnishing purchases. Alternatively, you can choose your furnishings first and then decide on the colours. Either way, this should be your first step. For example, which rooms are you planning to

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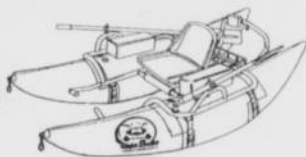


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13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Please submit a complete resume, detailing qualifications, experience, education, references and salary expectation by mail or fax until 4:00 p.m., May 2, 2003 to:

Tony Martens
Assistant Commissioner
Mountain View County
Bag 100
Didsbury, AB
T0M 0W0
Fax: 403-335-9207

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GARAGE SALE. Fri., May 2nd - 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Sat., May 3rd - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 35 West Heights Dr. Didsbury. 3-1t

20 GARAGE SALE

MOVING SALE. 1524-22 Ave. in alley. May 9 - 6 a.m. - 8 p.m., May 10 - 9 a.m. 2 p.m. Shop and garden "tools" - furniture, household articles. 3-1t

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27 LOST & FOUND

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31 NOTICES

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If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by May 29, 2003 and provide details of your claim

with Vernon E. Good, Barrister & Solicitor, Solicitor for

the Personal Representatives at Suite 105, Lower Level Victoria Square Mall, 2034 - 19th Avenue, Box 1027, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0

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Farmer's Market
Didsbury Ag. Society will be starting the summer Farmers Market on Wed. May 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Curling Rink. For table rentals call 335-4252.

Show & Shine

3rd Annual Sunnyslope Show & Shine June 21st. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. Sunnyslope Hall. For more information call 546-4135.

5-0 Club

Soup and sandwich on Wed. May 14, 2003. 11:30 to 1:30. Cost \$5.00. See you there!!

Pig Roast and Dance

Sunnyslope Hall on May 10. Admission \$10. Cocktails 6:30, dinner 7:30. Music by One Way Track. For more information call 546-4135.

DIDSBURY

Knox United Church Women
Annual Spring Tea - Sat. May 3, 2-4 p.m. at the Church. Tea, bake sale, white elephant & plant sale. Everyone welcome.

Bus Trip

Monday, May 5/03. Shopping Trip to Red Deer. Cost \$10. Bus leaves 5:30 Club at 10 a.m. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Fund-raiser

Westbrook 4-H Multi-Club is sponsoring "An Evening of Cowboy Poetry and Pickin'" with proceeds going to the Stars Foundation. May 3, 2003 at the Crossfield & District Community Centre. \$25.00 per person. Cocktails 5:30 p.m., buffet dinner 6:30 p.m., entertainment 8:00 p.m. Fortickets call 932-5555, 946-5482 or 932-2822.

CARSTAIRS

Art Show
May 3 & 4. Carstairs Artists Guild Art Show. Original art work at Carstairs Half Century from 11 - 5.

Centennial

The Town of Carstairs is celebrating its Centennial with many great events planned for July 18 - 20. Fundraiser Golf Tournament June 2. To register contact Kerri at 337-3051.

CREMONA

Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

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"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. Helping Hands will be at the Apr. 17th meeting to discuss RCD services available. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting - Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

DIDSBURY

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

We are now accepting registrations into a educational and social program for children 3 to 5 years old. The new 2 1/2 hour classes will operate Tues./Thurs. mornings, starting Tues. Feb. 25/03. For more info or register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION
The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES
Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

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Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

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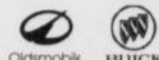
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SUPPORT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends is a self help supportive group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Meetings are held the last Thurs. of each month (except Dec.) at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3 of the Drumheller Hospital. For more info call Shirley 823-3001 or Linda 823-4565.

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Neighborhood

STUCK IN THE SNOW

Didsburians welcome weary travellers into homes

Pastor impressed with community's willingness

by Richard Westlund

Weary travellers were able to find refuge in Didsbury after they were unable to travel through the largest snow storm in recent history.

When record snowfalls became too much for travellers to get through, Didsburians made room for the stranded.

The Redeemer Lutheran Church opened its doors to travellers needing a place to stay but only ended up having one taker.

The reason?

Didsburians were welcoming the unlucky into their homes instead.

"We only ended up with one person here," said Pastor Rob Mohns. "He was a gentleman bound and determined to see his son."

The Edmonton area man was travelling down Highway #2 on Saturday. When the major highway was closed, he

decided to make an attempt on the back roads. Not knowing his route very well, he got lost and eventually went into the ditch. Mohns said the incident happened at about 3 p.m. and he wasn't rescued until 10 p.m.

Mohns said travellers that were stranded were dropped off at the Super 8. When all the rooms were full local Didsburians invited the travellers into their homes. He said some people like Wes Thomas of Didsbury invited five people into his home.

"It was really neat to see people in the community doing what ever they could to help," said Mohns. "Once people heard there was a need it wasn't a problem finding places for people."

The pastor also thought it showed Didsbury was prepared for an emergency. He said there was lots of room and supplies available for those who needed it.

"As bad as it was, we probably could have handled worse," said Mohns. "It was reassuring to know we had adequate resources and the will of the community."



photo by Richard Westlund

Last little bit

Joan Gasser shovels the last chunk of wet snow off her sidewalk on Sunday afternoon. It started snowing again later that night and into Monday.

Stranded travellers find refuge at Olds College

Olds College housed, fed and entertained 421 unexpected guests during a severe snow storm over the weekend.

Travellers began to divert from treacherous highways early on April 26, but arrived by the hundreds to Olds College's residence once the RCMP closed Highway 2 in the late afternoon. Residence staff and 60 stranded Olds College students provided meals and comfortable beds to 421 people on Saturday and 180 on Sunday.

"I can't say enough about our students," said Doug Wagstaff, Residence Life Officer. "They volunteered day and night throughout the weekend helping with check-ins, making beds, washing dishes, organizing activities in the gym."

Everyone pitched in to make people comfortable. Several college staff worked around the clock to clear the parking lots, help prepare meals, update our guests on road conditions, and a million other details. There was a great spirit of fellowship in residence the entire time, and the people who were stranded were very grateful.

Cards, notes and gifts were left by several travellers as they departed the campus. "You have triumphed through adversity," read some of the messages. Your hospitality will never be forgotten and you have forever put Olds on the map for so many travellers. You should be very proud."

"This was truly a wonderful experience," said Nicole Bratton, who was travelling from Edmonton to the West

Kootenays to visit her mother. "I had been sitting on Highway 2 for eight hours before I arrived here to all this great hospitality. Even though everyone was working their butt off, they were really, really friendly."

Staff from Chartwells Food Services ended up staying right through the night to ensure everyone had a proper meal. They were originally planning to feed 25 people that night but with enthusiastic support from business owners in Olds, enough food was delivered to ensure a free hot meal was provided to each person morning, noon and night. Local drug stores provided medication to some travellers who had not packed enough for their unanticipated stay and neighbours in the

community banded together.

"Everyone chipped in," said Chartwells employee Travis who ended up leading the cooking crew. "My supervisor got stuck in the ditch and he was still stuck Sunday afternoon! It was a little chaotic, but we got everything under control. It was certainly an unexpected promotion to be leading this."

Olds College's Meat Processing program supplied fresh bacon and sausage to add to the visitors' pancake breakfast on Sunday. This was followed by an unexpected treat, when a stranded group of musicians touring from India held a performance in the gym.

"We were supposed to perform to two sold-out shows in Kamloops and were on our

way there," explained Surinder Sanghera, promoter of the Vaishki 2003 touring group that is also scheduled to perform in Vancouver and Toronto.

"Our musicians have never seen snow before - well they've certainly seen it now! We appreciate so much what Olds College has done for everyone. We thought why not make all these stuck people happy by playing some music."

As the hours wore on, Olds RCMP continued to provide regular updated road conditions. When the highway restriction was finally lifted early Sunday afternoon, two young boys looked up at their father and asked, "Can we come back tomorrow?"

NEIGHBORHOOD



At The Kitchen Table

by Noreen Olson

The snow is ten inches deep on the deck railing and a Robin landing in it sinks in until only the top of his head shows. The Spruce trees droop, round shouldered and morose, but probably enjoying the wash. The Manitoba Maple, Tamarack and the Apple trees are so heavy with snow that all their limbs and branches are three times their normal thickness. Thank Goodness there are no leaves yet or branches would be breaking everywhere. It is so white, so clean, so wet and so relentless. Down it comes, ready or not, no negotiation, no appeal to reason, immune to threat or plea, when it snows it snows. To quote my favorite James Thurber, "It's another \$\$\$% Winter Wonderland."

We are glad for the moisture of course, and now the grass will come quickly, the hay will start, the pastures will green up, there will be moisture to start the crops, fresh food for the baby calves. But why must it be all or nothing in this country? Have the Alberta Weather Gods never heard of moderation in all things? When I was in about grade four my teacher told us that ours was an "extreme climate." Since I had no experience with any climate but this and since I believed that Alberta was the most perfect place in the world to live I had assumed that our climate was exactly what God had intended a climate to be. Extreme indeed, what was the man talking about? When I got a little older I realized that the word "extreme" pretty well covers it. Where else can you sunburn in the morning and get frostbite in the afternoon, have your car kick up dust on the way in to town and plow snow on the way back.

"What about your column," my husband asked. "You know the power could go any time and then you won't be able to zap it in."

That's another of the hazards of an extreme climate. Wet snow builds up on the power lines until the weight pulls the lines, and sometimes even the poles down. In the early seventies we had a Spring Snow storm that took all the power lines in the area. Massive poles broke like toothpicks and everything shuddered to a halt. The water system is electric, the stove, refrigerator and deep freeze, all electric. We were without power for days and neighbors rented generators and drove around recharging each others deep freezes and pumping enough water to wash a few dishes and make coffee and soup. We dipped water from the shallow stock well to flush the toilets, washed our faces with rain water and learned to scrub our teeth using only half a cup of water.

We were milking a few cows in those days and selling milk to a couple of neighbors. It takes a lot of water to run even a very small dairy operation and I was in a constant state trying to keep the milk clean and cold. Fortunately there were still drifts in the shade of the house and I could put milk in big gallon glass jars, sink the jars in the snow drift and cover them with a box. I rapidly ran out of jars and snowdrifts so when a neighbor offered to take four gallons of milk I was delighted. Our number two son was about 10 and I recruited him to help me with the milk run. "Put this box in the back seat," I told him, "then take four jars of milk from the snow drift and put them in the box. I will be right out to drive them over to Sheila's."

I came out of the house just in time to watch John place the final jar in the box and slam the back door of the car. It was like watching a silent movie. The arm rest in the door hit bottle #1, which hit bottle #2, which hit bottle #3, which hit bottle #4. As each bottle was struck, it's lid, complete with it's nice clean wax paper liner and a frill of broken glass, rose into the air and came down again on a eruption of milk. The back seat was full of milk and broken glass, and me with no water to clean up the unholy mess. There has never been such screaming and crying on this farm, before or since.

This storm too will pass and if the power goes we will cope. Thank goodness we don't milk cows anymore.

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by Noreen Olson

VOLUNTEER WEEK

Volunteer nominations sought

The Value of One. The Power of Many. Canada annually celebrates the spirit and energy of their volunteers and this year it is with this theme.

The theme describes how one person's individual actions, informed by the heart and by a desire for change in the world, can make a significant difference. When this one person's actions are multiplied by those of 6.5 million people, the world is changed in very real and important ways. Volunteer Week in Canada is celebrated April 27 - May 3 this year.

The Town of Didsbury prefers to celebrate with their volunteers in the month of June, when the weather can promote outdoor activities and celebrations with our community's volunteers.

This year, the Town of Didsbury will showcase and celebrate with their volunteers on Saturday, June 7. A Volunteer Trade Show is once again being organized for the day along with a variety of other activities before and after the Trade Show.

The highlight of the day, besides showcasing our volunteer organizations at the Trade Show, will be the recognition of our volunteers with our community awards.

You can nominate a volunteer for one of the following:
Rural Volunteer Award
Outstanding Community Volunteer Award

Volunteer Award
Volunteer Family Award
Nomination forms can be found in the Review and can be picked up at the Didsbury Town Office or Memorial Complex. You can also access a form on the Town of Didsbury website at www.town.didsbury.ab.ca
Nomination deadline is Friday, May 30, 2003.

It is estimated that Didsbury has about 1,000 volunteers who undertake a variety of tasks to make our town the terrific community that it is.

Our volunteer celebration is a time for us to thank our volunteers who have given their time, skills and experience to our many service clubs and associations in town. Each individual makes a difference in the lives of Didsburians and their combined efforts are a force for

creating change and making a difference. The Value of One. The Power of Many.

If you would like to get involved with Volunteer Recognition activities planning and coordination, call the Community Services Department at 335-3391. If you need further information about the event or the nomination form, call the same number.

Mark June 7, 2003, on your calendar as a day you want to be in town to celebrate with our volunteers!

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COP orientation meeting to be held April 30 at Westglen

by Marge St. Clair

Welcome to Didsbury to Sgt. Paul Schram, R.C.M.P., who moved here from Sherwood Park. We hope you will enjoy your work in Didsbury and surrounding communities.

Wed. April 30

Citizens on Patrol (COP) welcome all who have signed up and those that are interested in joining up to an orientation meeting at Westglen School at 7:00 p.m. More info from Flo at 335-8578. Patrols will start May 1.

Thurs. May 1

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will meet in the Assembly Room at the Hospital at 2:00 p.m. New members always welcome.

Sat. May 3

All teams in the Didsbury Mixed Slo Pitch league are asked to meet at the Ross Ford diamonds at 9:00 a.m. for the annual cleanup, bring rakes and garbage bags. A fun tournament will start at 12:00 noon Sat. with each team playing 2 games Sat. & Sun. League play will start Tues. May 6.

Sat. May 3

Knox U.C.W. will welcome you to the Annual Spring Tea from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will also be a bake sale, plant sale and a white elephant table.

Sun. May 4

This is National Scrapbooking day. Debbie Brazzle 335-3870 has arranged for a party for anyone interested in scrapbooking from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Didsbury Drugs. Door prizes and refreshments. A registration fee includes most materials needed and the use of special tools. Please register by phoning Debbie at the Drugstore days 335-3066.

Tues. May 6

Join in the fun at the Elks Hall. This is Bingo night doors open at 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Wed. May 7

The Annual Florence Nightingale Tea will be held at the Didsbury Hospital from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. More details next week.

Thurs. May 8

Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station) will welcome all town and surrounding areas Seniors from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. for a get together of cards, crafts, singing, etc. in a smoke free environment. The hall is wheelchair accessible.

Fri. May 9

There will be a pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m. at the 5-0 Club for all the floor curlers, carpet bowlers and lawn bowlers. The annual meeting will follow.

Fri. May 9

Come to Eldon Foote Hall at the Train Station for an evening of cribbage,

play starting at 7:00 p.m. Coffee and goodies in a smoke free environment, everyone welcome.

Fri. May 9

Take the family out to the Mothers Day Family Dance in the MP Room at the Didsbury Complex, doors open at 7:15 p.m.

dancing to live music "Buckles, Belts & Beaus" country vocalists from 8 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Lunch and refreshments included in the admission price for an alcohol free smoke free environment. Tickets available at the Museum Saturday from 1 p.m. - 4

p.m. or phone Glenda at 335-3284. This is under the auspices of the Didsbury Historical Society and Alpha Productions.

Sat. May 10

This is "Show and Shine" Day in Didsbury and what a show it will be

with over 300 cars & trucks expected. The streets will be blocked off downtown, there will be sales at the stores.


The Child and Youths Clubs of Didsbury are holding a mini trade show in the Elks Hall from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. To rent a ta-

ble, please phone Debbie at 335-3870.

Wed. May 14

The Didsbury Ag Society will be starting the summer of Farmers Markets at the Didsbury Curling Rink from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. To rent a table please phone Laura at 335-4252.

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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: I'm 21 years old and still haven't figured out what I want to do with my life. How can I find an achievable goal and begin moving toward it?

DR. DOBSON: Selecting an occupation and training for it can be a very difficult assignment. It's tough to predict what you'll want to be doing when you're 50 or 60 years old, yet you're obligated to guess. You may not even know what the work will be like, yet you enroll yourself in a lengthy academic program or otherwise seek ways to train for it.

The decisions you make under these circumstances may lock you into something you will later hate. And there are also social pressures that influence your choices. For example, how many young women secretly want to be wives and mothers but are afraid to admit it in today's "liberated" society?

Furthermore, how can a girl plan to do something that requires the participation of another person -- a husband -- who will love and commit himself to her for the rest of his life? Marriage may or may not be in the picture for her. Yes, there is plenty to consider for men and women at your age in life.

I was very fortunate to have stumbled into a profession when I was young that I have been able to do reasonably well. If I had been born in ancient times and had been required to earn a living with my hands, perhaps in carpentry or stonemasonry, I would have probably starved to death. Craftsmanship is just not in my nature. I spent an entire semester trying to make a box in which to store shoeshine stuff. What a waste! At least that experience helped me rule out a few occupational possibilities.

To make an informed decision about a profession, you'll need to get six essential components together, as follows:

1. It must be something you genuinely like to do. This choice requires you to identify your own strengths, weaknesses and interests.
2. It must be something you have the ability to do. You might want to be an attorney but lack the talent to do the academic work and pass the bar examination.
3. It must be something you can earn a living by doing. You might want to be an artist, but if people don't buy your paintings, you could starve while sitting at your easel.
4. It must be something you are permitted to do. You might make a wonderful physician and could handle the training but can't gain entrance to medical school. I went through a Ph.D. program in graduate school with a fellow student who washed out after seven years of classwork. He made it to the last big exam before his professors told him, "You're out."
5. It must be something that brings cultural affirmation. In other words, most people need to feel some measure of respect from their contemporaries for what they do. This is one reason women have found it difficult to stay home and raise their children.
6. Most important for those with a faith, it must be something that you feel you should be doing with your life. Some refer to this as a "calling," or a sense of meaning that work should provide.

What makes it so tough to choose an occupation is that all six of these requirements must be met at the same time. If you get five of them down but you don't like what you have selected, you're in trouble.

If you can get five together but are rejected by the required professional schools, you are blocked. If you can get five lined up but you can't earn a living at the job of your choice, the system fails.

Given this challenge, it isn't surprising that so many young people, like yourself, struggle in their early 20s. They become immobilized for years not knowing what to do next.

Young adults in this situation remind me of rockets sitting on their launchpads.

Their engines are roaring and belching smoke and fire, but nothing moves. The spacecraft was made to blast its way through the stratosphere, but there it sits, as if bolted to the pad. I've met many men and women in their early 20s whose rockets just would not lift them off the ground.

And yes, I've known a few whose engines blew up and scattered the debris of broken dreams all over the launchpad.

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Soap Box Derby approaching

The 582 Ring Road bypassing Didsbury will again be the scene of the annual Lions Soap Box Derby competition.

One of the benefits of this occasion is the opportunity it gives to families to work together to build and race their Soap Box Derby Car.

The event is open to both boys and girls from eight to fourteen years of age as drivers, but there is no limit to the age or experience of the builders. The Didsbury Lions have kits with instructions to build and assemble a car.

It takes a half sheet of plywood and very few basic tools. Moms, Pops, Uncles, Aunts or big brothers can all get in on the act.

The rules are simple. If you are the right age, and can wear a helmet, and have the proper wheels you can enter. Get more details from the Lions Club. This will be the third annual event held in the immediate area and we hope to attract from thirty to forty racers to pit their skills of building and driving against all comers.

Cars again will be inspected and numbered and those qualifying will be sent on a trial run. Some make it down the hill and some do not.

Then you will see the adjustments and tweaks for better performance. The races are then on and cars and drivers are slotted by their performance into four categories.

The competition now becomes intense and by the end of the day the winners are announced, and the participants walk proudly away with their prizes. It looks like so much fun that when the races are finished, some of the Dads too take a turn down the hill. Maybe this year Moms will want to try it too.

Didsbury is fortunate to have a suitable hill right at the North edge of town. Some parents get a bit nervous about this event and the risks to their kids, but when they see the straw bale protection, the lane markings and witness the trial run they are always quite relieved.

It doesn't look dangerous at

all, but when your back pocket is just a couple inches off the pavement it feels like you're really breaking the sound barrier.

The same hill, from Tanas to the campground will again do it's best to intimidate the contestants. The racers will again have a T-shirt each as well as a hamburger and a soft drink or juice.

Each driver will have a minimum of four runs with a possible eight runs for repeat winners.

The race is slated for June 14th, we're getting the road closure approval, and kits are here. Any business or individual can sponsor a car and/or driver.

Get an info sheet and a kit and a great family time is yours both building and racing. The Didsbury Lions have the details.

While your courage is up, call Lion George Pieper at 335-4482 for kits and entry forms. The plans are in the kits, and the fun is yours. See you at the derby.

Olds Legion #105 notes for May

by Marge St. Clair

Seniors Luncheons 12:00 noon Thurs. May 8 & Thurs. May 22

Fri. May 2 - "Stars on Ice" Bus leaves Legion for Calgary at 6:00 p.m.

Sat. May 3 - Honours and Awards in the Auditorium. Cocktails 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., Awards 7:30 p.m.

Fri. May 9 - "Elvis Gold" Dinner & Show. Cocktails 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., 3 hr. show starts at 8:00 p.m.

Entertainment

May 2 & 3 - Phil Wayne
May 10 - Moonshine Ridge Sports

Every Mon. - Shuffleboard 1:00 p.m.; Cribbage - 7:30 p.m.

Every Tues. - Oil Patch Old Timers 11:30 - 1 p.m.; Mens & Ladies Billiards 7:00 p.m.

Every Wed. Bingo 7:15 p.m.; Darts 7:30 p.m.

Every Thurs. - Bridge 7:30 p.m.; Old Tyme Jam Session 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Every Fri. - Buffet 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Faces

Huge Art Show and Sale showcases local artists



Marie Barklay

You know it instinctively when you see it...that perfect painting, the one you've been searching for and everything fits - the colour, the subject, even the price.

Although such scenarios don't happen every day, they could happen this weekend at the 18th Annual Carstairs Art Show and Sale Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th at the Carstairs Half Century Building.

Over 100 different water colour, oil and acrylic paintings from artists county-wide will be showcased at this event. Long-

standing Carstairs Artists Guild Member and Event Organizer, Marie Barklay, says all paintings come professionally framed and are in the \$100.00 - \$500.00 price range.

"We see a lot of local people come out to this show," explains Barklay. "They are mainly looking for the kinds of paintings that they can hang in their home - florals and landscapes usually."

Barklay says the selection is particularly rich this year with the increasing number of accomplished painters that will be participating. "Three of them

have been juried into the Stampede Art Auction and several of them are members in the Alberta Federation of Artists," adds Barklay.

Appearing as their "Special Guest Artist" this year will be Michelle Zare. "She is a very skillful artist and does primarily the Indian-type paintings."

The Art Show and Sale will run this Saturday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Admission is free.

Anyone requiring further information can call Marie Barklay at 335-8915.

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- Marie Barklay

Mini Trade Show part of Show and Shine

Those strolling along the streets of Didsbury May 10th may be pleased to take a break indoors for awhile and enjoy the Mini Trade Show being planned at the Elks Hall.

Between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm literally hundreds of goods and services will be on display for purchase or perusal.

It's all part of a fundraiser undertaken by the Child and Youth Club of Didsbury. Organizer, Debbie Brazzale, is excited about the line-up of exhibitors she has in store for the event.

"We have such businesses as: Juice Plus, Tupperware, Usborne Books, Avon, Nutraceuticals, Mary Kay, Watkins, Nut Man, Stampin

Up Canada, Weekender Ware, Pampered Chef, Party Lite, 5th Avenue Jewelry, Dreams Unveiled, Changing Rooms and Princess House.

"We're pretty much full up now...it's going to be a great show."

Anyone interested in finding out more information about the event can call Debbie Brazzale at 335-3870.

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- Debbie Brazzale, organizer



Debbie Brazzale

Carstairs Elevator Society continues to run marathon

It's been almost a year since a group of concerned citizens turned out at that town hall meeting in Carstairs to save the fading green Alberta Wheat Pool elevator so desperately clinging to the skyline of Carstairs. Unless the land can be purchased from Canadian Pacific Railway, the structure faces inevitable demolition - a

plight FORCES (Friends of the Carstairs Elevator Society) is vehemently opposed to, no matter how long the battle might ensue.

But time lapsed doesn't bother FORCES Chairperson, Gwen Day. "It's a marathon," she points out. "...not a sprint."

One of the biggest obstacles the Society faces, she says, is

coming up with a \$10,000.00 bond to help purchase the land from CP Rail. "We received a \$10,000.00 bond from Agricore, but are still needing to come up with an additional \$10,000.00 to meet their (CP Rail's) asking price," explains Day.

To help offset this cost, members of FORCES have decided to plan to hold an antique

sale in the elevator this summer during the town's Centennial Celebrations. "It's all still very much in the preliminary planning stages," says Day. "...but we're really hoping it flies. The building itself is really very structurally sound and having an antique sale there would really seem appropriate....The elevator it-

self was built in 1976, but in the older style. It's made completely of Douglas Fir spiked together horizontally for strength and is 70 - 80 feet in height."

Anyone interested in becoming a member of FORCES or making a donation to the Society can call Gwen Day at 337-3527.

Golfers play to help commemorate 100 year celebration

She may not look like it, but the town of Carstairs will soon be 100 years old - a fact well worth celebrating, especially if you're a golfer.

June 2nd golfers from across Alberta will be teeing off for the Carstairs Centennial Fundraiser Golf Tournament. "It should be a fantastic time," says one of the Tournament's Organizers, Deb Ball. "We are raising funds for the Homecoming event we are plan-

ning this summer."

The event, according to Ball, is anticipated to draw hundreds of current and former residents from town during the same week as the annual Beef and Barley Days celebration. "There's going to be so much taking place that weekend...a wine and cheese, family dance, show and shine, museum activities, plus many, many more," says Ball.

With arrangements now

confirmed, Ball is looking forward to begin registering golfers into the fundraising Tournament. "We've arranged for it to be a Texas Scramble format with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm Monday, June 2nd and have a 36 team limit. Of course there are a variety of different sponsorship packages you can choose from if you'd like to participate."

A "Full Sponsorship Package", for instance, costs

\$1000.00 and includes four rounds of golf, a steak dinner, hole signage and golf carts. A "Team Registration Package" costs \$400.00 and includes four rounds of golf, a steak dinner and golf carts. An "Individual Registration Package" would include a round of golf, steak dinner, and shared golf cart.

Prizes for the Tournament include a car (for a hole-in-one) sponsored by Carstairs Ford. "There are many, many other

businesses and organizations that have been so kind as to donate items to this as well. The support has been great and we really appreciate their involvement in what we feel is a very worthwhile event."

Anyone who would like to register a team or individual for the tournament can contact Deb Ball at 337-3673. Informational pamphlets are also available at the Town Office in Carstairs.



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Didsbury Lion's involved with variety of projects

by Chris Whittaker

The members of the Didsbury and District Lion's Club have been working hard this spring on a variety of projects and initiatives. Visitors to the recent Trade Show would have seen one result of their labours - the 2003 version of the playhouse.

This has been constructed with the invaluable assistance of local contractors and their suppliers who donated materials and labour to assist Club members in producing the playhouse.

The play house is so luxurious many Dads feel it would make a good hide-a-way for themselves!!!

What many people did not see at the Trade Show was the Security provided by members of the Club; not only while the show was open but more importantly, while the show

was closed. Members of the club were patrolling the exhibits during the hours of darkness throughout the weekend to make sure everything was safe and secure.

Immediately after the Trade Show was over the Lion's Club members were busy soliciting donations from local businesses to support their Annual Auction.

As in the past the business community were fantastic in their support, and \$3,000 was raised for local projects, including the Handibus and local charities.

The Auction itself was superbly handled by John Wayne and Pilgrim Auction Services who again donated their time and expertise, and every item donated was sold,

except for one very "experienced" couch; this was later bought by Didsbury's own C.A.O. and newest Lion's Club member, Evan Parliament!

Next on the agenda is Show and Shine, May 10, when once again Club members will be serving up a wonderful array of concession

items, such as hamburgers, sausages and pop to viewers and competitors alike.

Then the Club members have a short breathing space

before the next venture, the eagerly awaited Soap Box Derby, which will again take place on the Father's Day Weekend, June 14th.

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South West Didsbury News - sympathies expressed

by Bessie Eckstrand

Deepest sympathy of the area to Barbara Proffitt as beloved husband passed away April 15th quietly at his home in Canmore. He was 63 yrs. old & only had a short illness. A Memorial Service was held to celebrate his life on Tues. April 22nd at the Anglican Church Hall in Canmore, Alta. Both Hall &

Church were filled to capacity. Rev. Malcolm had been the past Minister at Knox United Church Didsbury for 7 yrs. & had just retired last June 30/02. A bus load of former parishoners plus about 10 car loads motored to Canmore for his Memorial Service, the day was lovely & warm & everyone appreciated the deeply moving service had by the Canmore United Church Minister,

Catherine MacLean & Rev. Nancy Nourse (Didsbury United Church Minister) & assisted by Rev. Earl Reaburn of Canmore. A lovely buffet luncheon was provided by the Canmore Ladies. All said good bye to Rev. Malcolm a great Pastor, singer, mixer, organizer & Christian, he is & will be sadly missed by wife Barbara & family & friends.

Kevin Newsome from Westcott jour-

neyed to South Korea where he is studying Inetrnational Commerce at the University there. Be careful Kevin & come home safe soon.

May Birthday Brunch at Westcott Hall will be held on May 14th with Erna Goertzen & Donna Luft as hostesses. A good crowd attended the April one. Newcomers and ladies & families are invited to attend.



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4-H Rosebud Sheep 4-H Update

by Amanda Engel

As another month has flown past, our 4-Hers are putting their lambs through heavy training and feeding to prepare them for the upcoming show season!

Most recently we have received brand spanking new club shirts! Everyone is excited about the new change in style and color. For this, I would love to give a tremendous THANK YOU to Blake Anderson of Persimmon Patch. We cannot thank you enough for your hard work on getting the club shirts ready, ordered, and delivered. Your generous support to the club deserves so much gratitude! Thanks Again!

Some of our members went to the well attended Jr./Int Fun Day held at the Balzac Hall on April 12th. They found it to be tons of fun, and a day well spent! Members did very well at our Multi-judging Field Trip, held March 29th at the Morrisons Feedlot, and the Richardsons house. We also had the opportunity to judge Jersey Dairy cows at the Rush's farm on April 6th. Thank you to the farms for letting us judge their animals for the day!

On April 4th, the club went to the Elks Family Dance, held at the Crossfield Community Center. We helped run the kids games and kept them entertained for the night!

On April 5th, a few of our members attended the 4-H Celebration of Talent, which was held at the Crossfield Community Center. There were some very talented singers, actors, and artists, that performed or had their artwork displayed. There was also a silent auction, and a fantastic dinner!

Events coming up include our Trimming Day, which is on May 10th, at the Prices farm...be prepared to make lots of halters! Have a great month!

Mount View Lodge News

by Annie Caush

Hope you all had a nice Easter. After the snow on Monday evening Tuesday was quite nice for the Auxiliary Spring Tea. I don't think we had as big a crowd as some years but the ladies reported that the proceeds from the tea and all the other activities yielded a little over \$1,500.00 Thanks all who contributed in any way. The raffle winners were - Bird House - Christine Jenkins, Doll - Annie Wrigley and table cloth - Elaine Tufts (our manager).

The door prize winners were - dried flower arrangement - M. Kasawal, Avon basket - Martha Ross and the assorted plant basket - Paul Wagner. Congratulations all!

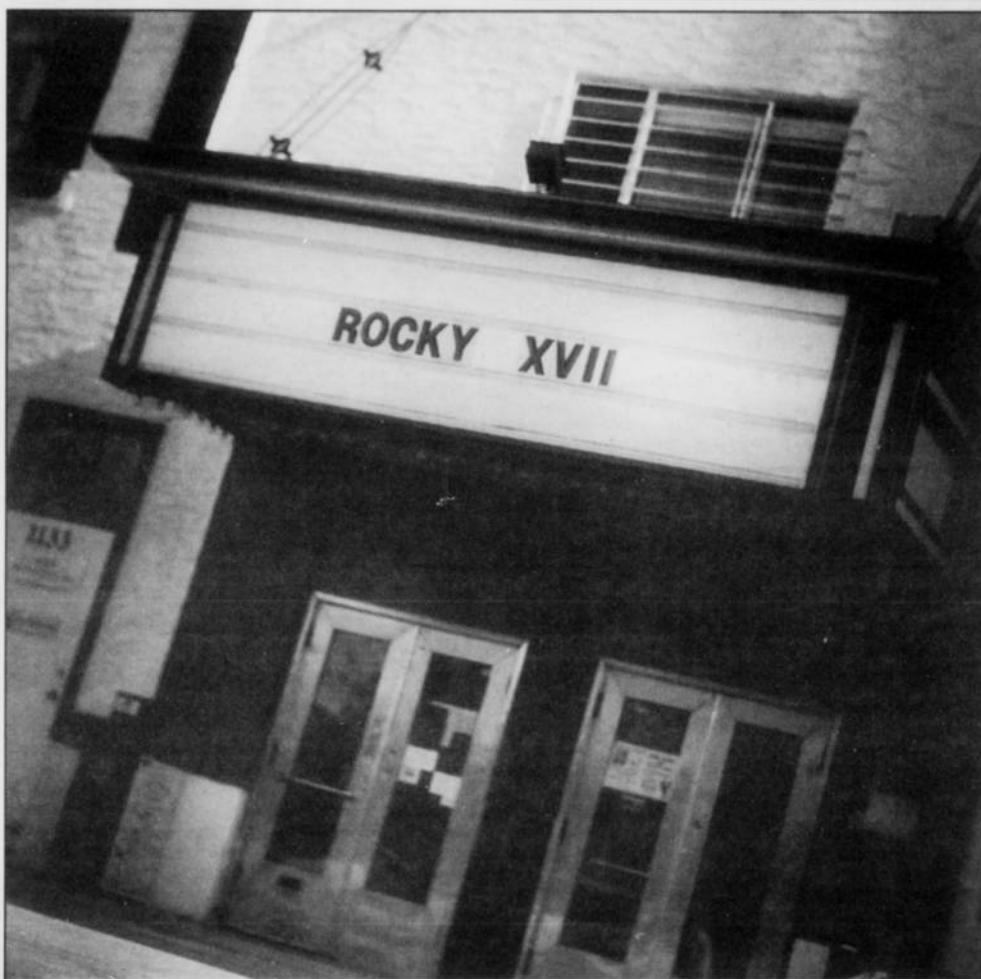
We have also had some special events here - the Anglican Ladies came and called Bingo and "Fred and Friends" came one evening and did a nice program. Thanks all.

We have recently welcomed two new residents. Dora Pederson and Melvina Roemmele. We hope you soon feel "at home" here.

Residence worker honoured by students

As Olds College students complete the final few days of their academic year, they've taken some time out for a special staff/faculty recognition evening.

Twenty-six staff and faculty were acknowledged at the event, after being nominated by students who felt the individuals went beyond their duties for the students of Olds College. Of particular significance is the annual Ian Hall Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member Award, which was presented this year to Ray Siemens. Ray has worked at the college for the past decade. The first eight years he provided caretaking services for the student residence building, and the last two years has worked in the residence maintenance department. He was nominated for the honour by two students and is extremely popular among the entire student population. He is considered a "local hero" to the students who live on campus.



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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Missionaries thankful for peace during elections

Dear family and friends,

Greetings from the home of peace and tourism. That is Plateau State's motto and most of the time the peace part has been true. We have been very thankful for the peace at this time of elections. We still have our evacuation bags packed but the last two weekends with elections have been fairly quiet and peaceful, at least in our area. In the southeast there has been violence with deaths and in Bukuru (less than 20 miles from here) there were demonstrations this week. The party that lost is always going to complain that the election was not free and fair - rife with fraud and corruption. International observers agree with them for the southeast but in many parts of the country the voting went as well as could be expected. To expect a completely free and fair election in a country that recently was rated as the most corrupt in the world is not realistic. But if progress in the right direction is being made than we should praise God and continue to move forward. The potential for violence is still here though and we have another round of voting coming up next Saturday.

This week we decided it was time to finish our CERPAC (Immigration and

Aliens registration here in Nigeria). Friends of ours were going to Bauchi to do theirs and had room for us to go along. They had called Bauchi to ask if we could do it there and were told to come on Thursday. It is about a 1 1/2 hour drive to Bauchi. We arrived only to find out that some people from Jos can do their CERPAC there but we weren't on the list. We had to go to Makurdi, a 4 hour drive from Jos in the other direction. Friday we went to Makurdi to try again. We left at 6:00 am. We found the office but they did not have electricity or diesel for their generator or money to buy diesel. Dan gave them money for diesel and one of their workers went off to get it only to come back after a few minutes wanting us to take him in our vehicle. We finally gave him some diesel we had in a jerry can in the truck. (They did not give the money back).

The officer typing our CERPAC forms basically used one finger so it was a long wait for him to finish the 4 forms. He took our fingerprints on a digital machine. We waited another half an hour or more for him to print out everything and make the cards. After a total of about two hours we were finished. Though the wait was long and

the process a bit tedious the officers were very pleasant and kind so it actually was a pleasant day. After a stop for a quick bite to eat we were back on the road for the 4 hour trip home.

On the way home we passed a school. All Nigerian schools have uniforms for their students but this school had the most attention getting uniforms I think I have ever seen. The children had on bright yellow T-shirts with bright pink shirts over them and either purple shorts or purple jumpers. You could see them from quite a distance. Good protection for them walking along the busy road to school.

The musical, Celebrate Life, is being presented this weekend. It is an older church or youth musical. It was popular when I was in high school. The directors here have been very creative in the ways they have used to make it more contemporary. They added some dance and acting and the choir is wearing tradition dress from a variety of countries making it look very international. Several instruments, trumpet, guitar, flute, violin have been added with the students playing them on stage intermixed with the actors and choir. We really enjoyed it. I wish it could be per-

formed in some of the Nigeria churches in town. I think they would enjoy it and the message of Christ is presented in an easily understandable way.

May 1 is workers day so we get a day off from school. We have had several four day school weeks in a row so we are getting used to this easy schedule. When we have to go to school for 5 days in a row we are going to be exhausted. It is only a few more weeks of school until summer break so I guess we can survive. The students are ready to be done and some of the 12th grade students seem to think they

are already done. It is hard for them to feel very motivated but we all need to finish strong.

**In Christ,
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Dan and Janet Snyder are former-Didsburians performing mission work in Nigeria.



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Sports

SWING OF THINGS

Didsbury golf course now open - weather permitting

Golfers anxious about starting their seasons

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury's golf course opened two weeks earlier than it did last year thanks to some opportune good weather.

Local duffers were able to golf in Didsbury as early as April 19 thanks in part to some timely spring rains.

"With the couple of rains we received already it basically put us into full golf season with use of all the tees and greens," said Al McCoy, golf course manager.

A wet fall last year has also contributed to some great early season golf as well as proper maintenance of the greens.

McCoy said special tarps were purchased this year and laid out over the greens which promoted early growth. The greens have now been cut for a week and a half now.

McCoy said spring weather

is often unpredictable and that it is not inconceivable that crews and golfers would have to put up with unpredictable weather. He said the fringe part of the season forces employees at the course to play it by ear.

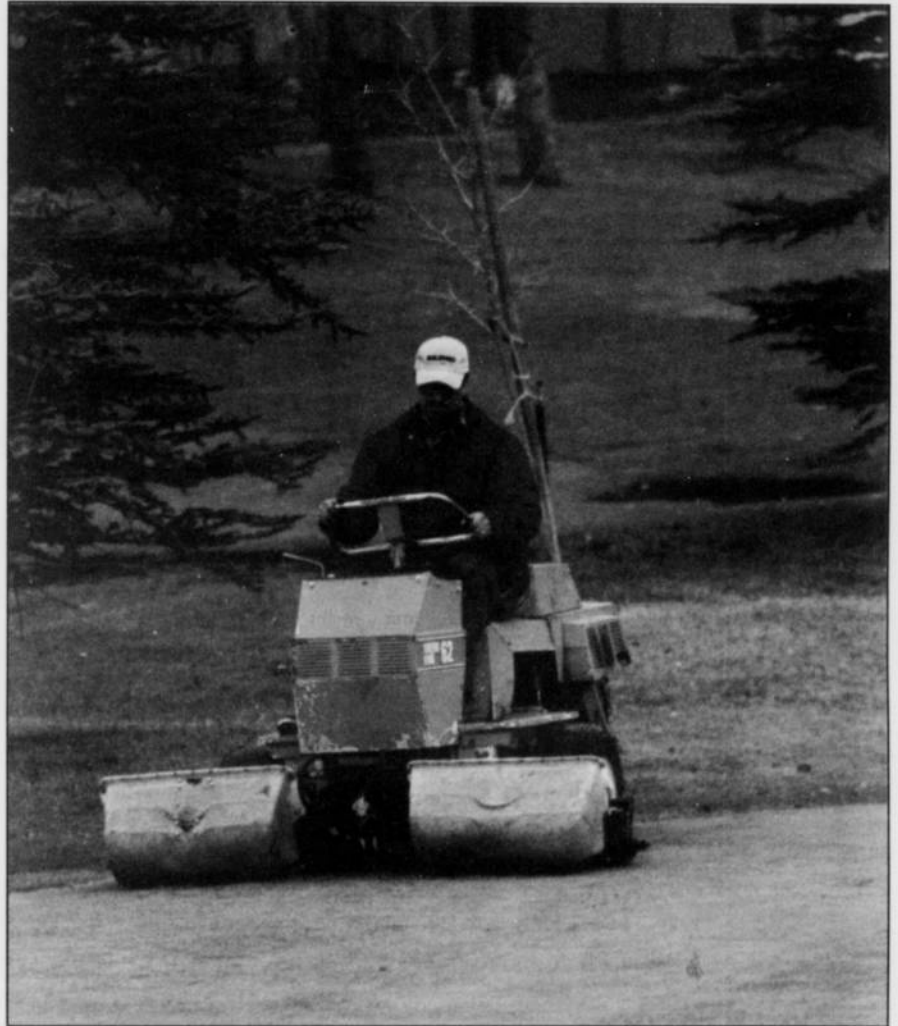
As far as actual changes that golfers will see on the course this year will be bunkers guarding the #8 par three hole. Two sand traps have been added to that green to make an elevated tee shot even more challenging. Bunkers are also being put in near the practice green.

As far as other work still to be done, McCoy said raking and cleaning up garbage is being performed now with regular mowings to start as the grass starts to take off.

The course has already been booked for many tournaments and league play will start the week of May 5.

But with the nice weather we have had local golfers ready to go.

"People are anxious. We have had a lot of phone calls from people ready to golf," said McCoy.



A Didsbury golf course employee mows the #9 green before the snow hit on the weekend.



Grad to help out

Grade 12 students were busy preparing the site to the new outdoor recreation park which is scheduled to open later this summer. The students were raising funds for their upcoming graduation in May.

Hockey players help team win Westerns

by Richard Westlund

Three Didsburians helped the Calgary Turbo Chargers Senior A Women's Hockey team capture the Western Canadian Championship held recently in Surrey, B.C.

Aimee Hunter, Audrey Campbell, and former-Didsburian Joanne Brander were a key part of the 2003 Championship team that won the six-team tournament in overtime.

"It was a real sense of relief," said Hunter, a first year player on the team.

"They (Manitoba) came back and erased a three-goal lead. I was really happy we won and thought we could win, but was just really relieved."

Hunter scored two goals in

the tournament including a tally in the final game.

Campbell was equally relieved to have been able to pull the game out in overtime.

"We let it slip away," she said. "It was relief - definitely."

"It felt really good to win back to back," added Campbell who has played with the team for five years now.

While in Surrey the team travelled to local schools to talk to students about playing hockey. Hunter said the girls were receptive and she had to sign lots of autographs - along with the rest of her team.

Campbell is planning on playing with the team again next year, while Hunter is hoping to play with a college team when she goes to school next fall.

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